



Tim Shipley, left, and Rachael Martin, right, were elected to City Council Tuesday. Check out nwmissourinews.com for bios.

PLUNGE for baby LANDON



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Joe Unternahrer, head girls basketball coach at Tarkio High School, takes his own version of a “Plunge for Landon.” The Shaw family has raised more than \$60,000.

Communities accept icy challenges for family

LAUREN MCCOY

Assistant News Editor | @McCoy014

Blood may be thicker than water, but in the case of 5-month-old Landon Shaw, water is making quite an impact.

Landon Shaw was diagnosed with a rare childhood cancer, atypical teratoid rhabdoid tumor, at 4 months old, and since then his little body has undergone intense measures in an effort to battle the disease. With his left kidney and the majority of a brain tumor removed, a ventriculoperitoneal shunt to drain excess fluid from around the brain, a feeding tube and a Hickman line placement to administer chemotherapy, Landon Shaw's little body has already been through a war, but the end is not in sight yet.

A Facebook page titled “Plunge for Landon” appeared March 30, and the description explained the idea: videotape yourself plunging into cold water and challenging three other people to do the same with the vow to donate a certain amount of money for each person who follows through with your challenge.

The videos that appeared from Tarkio citizens and other Northwest Missouri citizens were just the first drops in the bucket, and the ripples grew larger and larger as more

To donate: Mail checks written to Landon Shaw to Flower Mill 606 Main Street Tarkio Mo, 64491. PAYPAL: teamlandon102113@outlook.com (choose send money to friend of family.)

people began diving into any body of water they could find to show support for the sick little boy and his family.

As of April 8, nearly 30,000 people had joined the page, innumerable videos were uploaded and the plunges raised more than \$60,000.

With three other children to care for, jobs to worry about and everyday life to face, Landon Shaw's parents, Brandon and Alyssa Shaw, are grateful for the overwhelming response.

“I just thank God every day for every single one of them that has helped us and our family,” Alyssa Shaw said. “It helps us not be stressed about other things and just worry about Landon.”

People have plunged into bodies of water – warm or cold – from coast to coast. Landon Shaw's story has even

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Now known around the world, baby Landon Shaw smiles for the camera.

Northwest searches for new provost, names committee

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After 18 years as a faculty member at Northwest, Provost Doug Dunham is months away from replacement. Though the move is tough for Dunham and other faculty members, President John Jasinski has taken the steps to find the next top academic officer for Northwest.

In layman's terms, the provost is responsible for all academics at a university. From properly using resources to curriculum changes, the provost strives to make sure students are successful.

A committee assembled by Jasinski will advise him

with feedback throughout the process of hiring Dunham's replacement. A projected time line has the committee conducting a review of applications between April 22 and May 16 and for on-campus interview recommendations by May 16. If all goes as planned, interviews will take place the last week of May and into early June, with a decision coming in mid-June.

In the meantime, Joyce Piveral, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, will serve as interim provost.

“We are at a unique juncture in our institution's history,

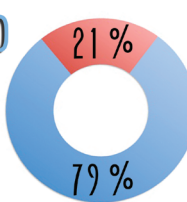
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Missouri sees decrease in methamphetamine lab busts, falls to third in national ranks

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After a decade-long run as the state with the most meth lab seizures, Missouri lost the distinction with decreases in 2013.

According to statistics by the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Missouri saw a 25 percent decrease from 2012 to 2013, from 2,006 to 1,496 seizures, respectively. Though that it is double the amount of busts in every state west of Missouri combined (733), it is states east that have taken away Missouri's number one ranking.

Numbers entered into the National Clandestine Laboratory Seizure System show that Indiana held 1,797 busts, taking over the number one overall ranking. Missouri fell to third after Tennessee saw

1,616 meth lab seizures. There were 11,573 overall incidents in the United States last year.

Corporal Chris Hoffman of the Jefferson County Municipal Enforcement Group, a drug task force near St. Louis, Mo., is in charge of leading the fight in the state and country meth capital: Jefferson County, Mo. The task force seized 223 labs in Jefferson County in 2013. The Drug Enforcement Agency reports the county is second in meth lab incidents between 2004 and 2012, only behind Tulsa County, Okla. Nodaway County, Mo. reported no meth lab seizures in 2013.

Hoffman is unsure if the high amount of busts is a positive, but believes the numbers give the wrong message to some.

“The view of the numbers label us as the meth lab capital, but that can be misleading. It means

that we have a command staff and hierarchy that dedicates manpower, personnel, funding and resources to the act of combating meth labs,” he said.

Recent laws only allowing the purchase of prescription pseudoephedrine at pharmacies are one of the possible reasons for the decrease. Once pseudoephedrine is bought, the buyer's information then goes into a database that tracks buying patterns, which could eventually lead to investigation.

Pseudoephedrine, a nasal decongestant, works by narrowing the blood vessels in the nasal passages, but is also the main ingredient in methamphetamine. When mixed with common household items, such as ether, found in engine fluid;

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News Brief:

City, University look for liaison applicants

Northwest officials are in search of a student to serve as the liaison for the Maryville City Council. The student liaison is the voice of Northwest students and provides student feedback to issues at City Council meetings.

The student liaison position was created in 2011, and outgoing position-holder Dannen Merrill says the experience he gained is incomparable.

“Being able to serve the students of Northwest has been a very rewarding experience for me and will be for any individual that takes on the role,” he said. “Working with city, University and student leadership was a challenging experience, especially when it came to the proposed alcohol ordinances, but lessons learned will stick with me for years down the road.”

Merrill says the chosen liaison will gain much experience as the city continues with the Fourth Street Improvement Project and may come back to alcohol-related ordinances.

Applications are available on the Student Senate page on Northwest's website under forms and is due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 16 with interviews to follow April 17-18.



Dannen Merrill

Maryville boasts first-year Campus Town success

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Housing near campus has always been a hot commodity, and as the Campus Town Redevelopment Incentive Program nears its first anniversary, students will find several new options have popped up in the area defined as Campus Town.

According to City Manager Greg McDaniel, CTRIP, the program designed to encourage the demolition of sub-standard housing and foster new construction, has produced better results than expected with three applications already approved and interest expressed from others within the defined area.

The incentive in applying for CTRIP is that applicants are potentially eligible for removal of all tipping fees for demolition debris at the Maryville Transfer Station and a waiver of all permit fees associated with redevelopment. These fees could include water tap, sewer tap, demolition, building, plumbing and mechanical and electrical permit fees. This cost incentive, coupled with the idea of gaining more tenants, has made the program appealing for several property owners.

“We've had three CTRIP applications approved in the Campus Town Overlay District, which include the project at Fifth and Walnut, Eighth and Walnut and Ninth and Main,” McDaniel said. “All three had unsafe and dangerous structures on them. In fact, the Fifth and Walnut (one) had two dilapidated and unsafe structures and five trailers. All of those have been removed, and I believe two duplexes are being built.”

McDaniel said one of the items on the next City Council meeting agenda is a planned unit development for the Eighth Street and Walnut Street area.

“The property manager removed three unsafe and dangerous structures, and I think he's putting back in an eight-plex,” he said.

According to McDaniel, the properties with the unsafe and dangerous

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Geology student strikes gold with grant

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As college students continue to face ever-growing debt, many are trying to find new ways to find money. Senior geology student Tim Janousek decided to do something about it and put in the work to receive a \$1,000 grant from the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation.

Janousek plans on using the money for traveling expenses when he presents his finding at a conference in Omaha, Neb. He says he is grateful to receive this prestigious award.

"I put a lot of work in and had to write an essay. My family has been very supportive," Janousek said. "It's a culmination of years of stress and work."

He is being honored for his discovery of a certain fossil not known to be found in this area of the country. Janousek is thrilled the effort he put into the two-year project paid off.

"I was looking at the Pennsylvanian Conodont, which are similar to hazyfish. As I was looking at a layer in Iowa, I saw the same type in a state they have never been found in before. This correlation has never been made," Janousek said.

The award is named after geologist and philanthropist L. Austin Weeks. The organization has been giving this award to organizations since 2005 for students who further the field of geology and show a diverse collegiate career. April Hastings, program coordinator for AAPG, feels the amount of people who signed up this year displays a growing interest in the field of geology, and those picked were quality scientists.

"This year, we changed the essay to what the students intended to do with the money," Hastings said. "We based our decision on five major points: the intended use of funds, their accomplishments, are they advancing the field of geology, past and previous leaderships and career objectives."

Of the \$1,000 Janousek is receiving, half will go to him and half will go to the school's AAPG. Geology professor John Pope is the advisor of Northwest's AAPG chapter and was part of the committee that chose Tim's essay to the AAPG.

"He is very well-rounded. He has been a lab assistant for general eds, the president and treasurer of AAPG," Pope said. "The money we get can be used for the cost of field trips."



Senior geology student Tim Janousek works with a microscope during a geology lab. Janousek was the recipient of a \$1,000 grant for discovery of .

Janousek is still not sure what he is going to do when he graduates, but if his work continues to be important and useful, the future could be bright.

"Dr. Pope has helped me grow

in the field of biostratigraphy and has made me feel very welcome," Janousek said. "I have applied to several grad schools and have not been able to secure funding. If I can, I hope to continue researching."

Seniors, graduates prepare for commencement, Sen. Lager to speak

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It is about that time of year. Seniors throw on their graduation caps and gowns, take a stroll across the stage to receive their diplomas and buy one last drink at a number of the local watering holes as they reminisce the blurriness that was their college years.

The May 3 spring commencement will be a day that sticks in the mind of more than 660 students forever, but it will be equally prominent in the minds of Northwest faculty.

President John Jasinski says he sees a little of every student in commencement speaker Sen. Brad Lager, a Northwest alumnus and Missouri state senator.

"We've got a large graduating class, two commencement ceremonies, Sen. Brad Lager coming back to speak ... his growth and success is the example of people growing through the education pipeline," Jasinski said. "The bigger picture for higher educa-

tion is citizen rate and contributing to your community, and Sen. Lager is an example of that."

Lager, a 1997 Northwest alumnus, was elected to the Maryville City Council in 2001. From 2002 to 2006, he served as the Fourth District representative in the Missouri House and served on several House committees. He serves as chair of the Senate Committee for Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment. In addition to serving in the General Assembly, he is a small business owner.

Lager was born in Maryville and is a lifelong resident of Northwest Missouri. He graduated from Northeast Nodaway High School and earned a bachelor of science degree in computer management systems from Northwest. He resides with his wife and two children near Savannah, Mo.

For Jasinski, commencement day is also a time to commemorate the success of the Northwest faculty in addition to student success.

"Commencement day is the

culmination of so many things, so many people, so many teams across so many areas," Jasinski said. "Commencement day is very special. I treat that as a very special day for every single student and our faculty and staff who toil and pour their heart and soul into student success."

Provost Doug Dunham agrees with Jasinski that it is a chance to recognize both the work of students and the faculty.

"Commencement is special because it is what we all work toward, a ceremony where we recognize the successes of our graduates and usher them to their new beginning," Dunham said. "It is a pinnacle moment for our students as well as our faculty and staff."

Jasinski also says this commencement celebrates Northwest's focus on advancing students beyond college to become viable citizens of a community.

"Everybody is different in their growth patterns. I think sometimes in today's experiences, we try to pigeon-

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Masters candidates


2 p.m.

College of Arts & Sciences

College of Education & Human Services

hole into a four-year experience with doing this set method to get through," Jasinski said. "It's just not that way... (everyone's) paths are different, but ultimately it's focused on student success, then getting them out to be productive citizens to take part in our democracy."

With graduation under a month away, Jasinski is ecstatic as ever to watch students receive their diplomas, just as seniors are ready to say they have become a college graduate.






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Saturday, April 12	
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Maryville ranked 8th in safety

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A small farming community of 12,036, Maryville remains quietly nestled north of Kansas City. In a state riddled with villainy, the city is being recognized for keeping its crime reduced to a mere whisper.

Maryville was ranked the eighth safest city in Missouri to live in by Movoto Real Estate, after compiling 2012 stats from the FBI.

Maryville met the major criteria that Movoto based its findings on: violent crime, property crime and the chance a resident will be a victim of a crime.

In 2012, the Maryville Department of Public Safety reported a total 228 crimes. Of the 228 crimes, 12 were violent in nature, and the other 216 were property crimes.

Keith Wood has been Maryville's director of Public Safety for 25 years and said that living in a small town like Maryville is different than living in a big city.

"A lot of it has to do with the culture of the community itself," Wood said. "We are a pretty conservative community and still have a lot of country values, and that tends to make everybody appreciate what they have and respecting their neighbors, as well."

Over the years, Maryville Public Safety has forged a unique relationship with Northwest's University Police Department so that both departments work together as

much as possible to best serve the community.

"We work together with (Maryville) quite a bit," said Clarence Green, chief of University police. "We've worked together on various training exercises, armed intruder to be specific, as well as our response to different events and emergencies."

The city and University will continue to build on that relationship this year as city officials passed a Mutual Aid Agreement that will go into effect July 1.

The Mutual Aid Agreement was designed to establish a working relationship between the Maryville Department of Public Safety and University Police Department. The city now has the capability to respond to any crime that takes place on campus.

According to the agreement, both parties want the city and the University to establish and provide "the best possible atmosphere of collaborative public safety on and around the Northwest Missouri State University campus and throughout the entire city of Maryville, Mo."

Green said the Mutual Aid Agreement between the city's Public Safety Department and University will provide the University Police Department more jurisdiction to patrol streets off campus.

"It just really moves us on to a couple additional streets around campus," Green said. "I think that it is going to increase safety and security of community with more force."

How safe are Missouri cities?

City	Safeness rank	Chance of crime
Maryville	8/75	1:53
Lee's Summit	15/75	1:41
St. Joseph	61/75	1:15
Kansas City	67/75	1:15
St. Louis	73/75	1:12
Springfield	74 /75	1:10
Branson	75/75	1:7



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN
The Elks Lodge, located at First Street and Main Street, will undergo repairs after the building was deemed unsafe and dangerous earlier this year.

News Brief:

The Elks Lodge to undergo repairs

The Elks Lodge 760 building on North Main will undergo repairs after a structural inspection earlier this year.

The front porch and brick support columns were declared structurally unsound by the Structural Engineering Associates of Kansas City, requiring the lodge to remove them.

Built in 1909, the downtown landmark is not expected to have any further renovations.

Members of the Elks Lodge dedicate themselves to investing in their communities through programs that help children stay healthy and drug-free, undertaking projects that address unmet needs within the community and honoring the service and sacrifice of veterans. Founded in 1868, the Lodge is one of the leading fraternal orders in the U.S. with nearly 1 million members.

Local school updates technology, includes Google Glass in lessons

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Conception Junction, Mo., may be a small town, but teachers in the Jefferson C-123 School District have taken a big-city approach to teaching with an upgrade in technology that included the purchase of Google Glass and 20 Apple iPads.

The Internet provider for the school district, MOREnet, received the opportunity to participate in the Glass Explorer program, a program designed by Google to give the public opportunities to participate in using the wearable computer with an optical-head mounted display and providing feedback. Google Glass is similar to a pair of glasses, worn perched on the ears with the screen in front of the eyes allowing the user to see and interact with information.

"One of their guys had been chosen to be a Google Glass Explorer, and they sent out the information (to our superintendent)," said Charlea Lewis, Jefferson C-123 third-grade teacher. "I applied ... and was chosen, so the school board was gracious enough to buy them."

Lewis explained while she enjoys the hands-free aspect of the device, she uses the Google Glass in her classroom mainly for substitute plans because she does not yet have the capability to screencast, which would allow others to see what she sees in real time. Without this capability, Lewis can only make recordings to be used later.

"I can hold a book in front of me and talk and make a video my kids can watch," she said. "When I'm gone, the substitute just has to press play."

According to Lewis, in order to screencast, Google Glass requires an app compatible with Apple products or certain Android devices, neither of which she has yet. She hopes to spend the summer figuring out this obstacle in order to make the device more useful in her classroom.

The Google Glass device cost around \$1,500, but Lewis believes the cost was worth it, and said the device could absolutely be beneficial in the future.

"Google tells me they're not really for the general public, so they're not too worried about making the screencast compatible with other things," she said. "But they're getting to the point where they're going to be for everyone, so I'm hoping that'll increase and we'll be able to use them more."

Lewis hopes feedback from the public, especially teachers like her, will influence Google's decisions as they continue developing the product.

"As more people use them and we can bounce ideas off other people, I think they'll definitely be beneficial, especially as we can use them more," she said.

With only one pair, Lewis shares the device among other classrooms, where it has been put to use for projects, such as creating a news broadcast for social studies and the exploration of translating abilities in French classes at the high school.

As for the younger grades, the students have a new hands-on method of learning in the form of iPads.

The district purchased 20 iPads, five for each grade from pre-kindergarten through second. Second-grade teacher Barbara Terry said she uses the iPads every day in her classroom to facilitate critical thinking and guided lessons.

"We do a lot of guided practice on them – learning games and things like that," Terry said. "We also utilize them for more critical-thinking lessons and things like that. For example, I was teaching geometry with my students, so they went around the school and took pictures of shapes and geometric figures and then they had to categorize them with their shoulder partner."

The elementary school strongly encourages cooperative learning, Terry explained, so each grade has five iPads to use among its students.

"We want two kids on an iPad at a time," she said. "We try to structure it that way."

The iPads came out of a three-year technology plan developed earlier by the district with the intent to

"Our kids need something more hands-on, kinesthetic, and that's what an iPad is."

Charlea Lewis

update technology within the district to better meet the needs of learners and teachers alike. Terry and her colleagues approached the superintendent and specifically requested iPads as a part of this plan.

"Our kids need something more hands-on, kinesthetic, and that's what an iPad is," she said. "They were very supporting of that since iPads are cost effective ... they bought all new teacher laptops but then pre-K through two also got 20 iPads to use in the classroom."

Terry said the district is really pushing to stay up-to-date with technology in the classroom and being more equipped for the students in that manner.

She also has plans for the iPads that include allowing the students to explore other communities from the comfort of their own classroom.

"I would like to see us Skype other schools," she said. "I've been in contact with other schools around the state trying to work up some pen pal-like ideas since... we can Skype on them easily ... Conception is a very unique community, so I'd like for the kids to be able to share that and kind of see it firsthand and appreciate it, and see what it's like in other communities. That's my goal, to branch out and to be more involved in other schools."

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the big pond, and videos have appeared from a soldier in Afghanistan and individuals in Germany, South Korea, Spain and Ireland.

Alyssa Shaw found it hard to believe the video spread so quickly.

“Honestly, I woke up one morning, got on Facebook and I saw a plunge, and I thought that was kind of cool,” she said. “Then it went on and on, and then it went viral across the U.S. and different countries; it was really cool.”

Facebook has served as the central launching point for events across Missouri and the country to gather participants in the plunges.

Trisha Proffitt has Maryville roots but created an event to challenge her co-workers where she lives now in West Plains, Mo.

“What I’m doing is challenging all of my friends and co-workers here at Air Medical Group Holdings to come out and take the plunge with me,” Proffitt explained in an email. “I met Alyssa several years ago when we worked together at Wal-Mart in Maryville and have been friends since we met. However, once I moved out of Maryville, we lost touch.”

When Proffitt heard about Landon, she immediately wanted to do anything she could to help the family.

“So far, I have 18 other people that are going to take the plunge with me,” she said. “I’m thankful for the amazing people who are donating and are taking the plunge with me; (it) touches my heart they are willing to donate when they don’t know the family.”

After 18-year-old Tanner Leroy Anderson witnessed the police department in his hometown of Atlantic, Iowa, doing the plunge, he dug and found the reason behind it and began organizing his own event. With 22 people behind him, Anderson is just one of many continuing the trend of donating to a cause despite having no connection to the family.

Plunges have been reported in Rhode Island, Michigan, Delaware, Utah, California and everywhere in between. Donations have come from more than just the people doing the actual jumping. After witnessing a plunge into Lake Michigan, a man inquired about the reason behind it and promptly pulled out his wallet to give the plungers \$30 toward their donation.

Alyssa Shaw said her pregnancy had no complications, and the first few months of her baby’s life held no prediction for the hell the family would soon be going through. She said up until recently, though, her little boy was still the happy, smiling baby she had come to know.

A video posted on Alyssa and Brandon Shaw’s Facebook showed a happy Landon at the end of March, all grins and bright eyes with medical tubes taped to his bare chest. Landon Shaw cooed at the camera in response to his mother’s, “Tell them hi! Tell them all thank you!” That smile has since vanished from Landon Shaw’s cherub-like face as he entered his second round of chemotherapy.

“Before this second week of chemotherapy, he was happy, always smiling, laughing... he was his normal self,” she said. “We couldn’t believe after having his kidney removed and brain surgery he was this happy, but this second round is what really did it for him. Now he sleeps a lot, but I want that for him. I want him to rest.”

As of Saturday, April 5, Landon Shaw was re-admitted to Children’s Mercy for a fever.

“We came back down here... due to a fever he spiked,” Alyssa Shaw explained. “In a cancer patient, you can’t give them Tylenol or anything, and a fever to them is life threatening because they don’t have the immune system to fight it off.”

Landon Shaw received blood transfusions, and Alyssa Shaw said he was doing much better as of Sunday night.

As the plunges go on and Landon Shaw continues to fight for his life, his mother summarized their journey with three simple, heart-wrenching words: “It’s not fair.”

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and our next academic leader will face a variety of exhilarating opportunities and some challenges to help provide balance,” Jasinski said in a April 2 release. “Our task is to find the right fit for Northwest moving forward, and I am thankful to these Provost Search Committee members who have accepted my invitation.”

The committee will consist of 10 committee members, including Matt Baker, vice president of student affairs, Cody Uhing, Student Senate president, and Nola Bond, vice president of human resources and chair of the committee conducting the provost search.

Still in her first year in the position, Bond says the task, though big, is important to get the right fit to help the University move forward.

“It’s extremely important to me, and with my background in human resources and recruiting, I feel very comfortable with the task,” Bond said. “It’s important that we’re all on the same page with (what we’re looking for).”

Finding the qualities that are needed for the next provost may be tough, but Jasinski says Northwest officials know what they’re looking for.

“What we’re looking for is a strategic thinker, someone who can align the future of Northwest Missouri State University within the academic components,” he said. “We’re looking for academic leader, one that’s a faculty advocate, one that understands what’s going on in the classroom, one that’s focused on students’ success.”

Though still early in the process, Jasinski says there has been several inquiries.

“Our focus on student success is very appealing to many people. It’s early in the process, but we’re optimistic,” he said.

Northwest officials announced that Dunham accepted the role of vice president of academic affairs at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo., on March 13 and will resign June 30. Though sad to leave Northwest, he has some advice for his successor.

“This is a fantastic job. We have a culture where everyone takes personal responsibility for our students’ success,” Dunham said. “Many universities make that claim; Northwest lives it. Embrace and nurture that collective attitude.”

CTRIP

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structures had low-tax assess evaluations because of the conditions, and the property owners are investing between \$600,000 and \$800,000 on their projects.

“It’s pretty hard to find somewhere that isn’t a broken-down house or \$900 a month that is within walking distance of campus.”

Sam Jones

“We think there are still several more unsafe and dangerous structures that can come down and benefit from this program,” McDanel said. “...at the end of two years, the council will reassess whether to do it again or expand to other areas of the community.”

“I think it’s an incentive program that, if council sees fit, they could use anywhere in the community.”

He explained the program is specifically targeted at Campus Town Overlay because of the high volume of student rentals.

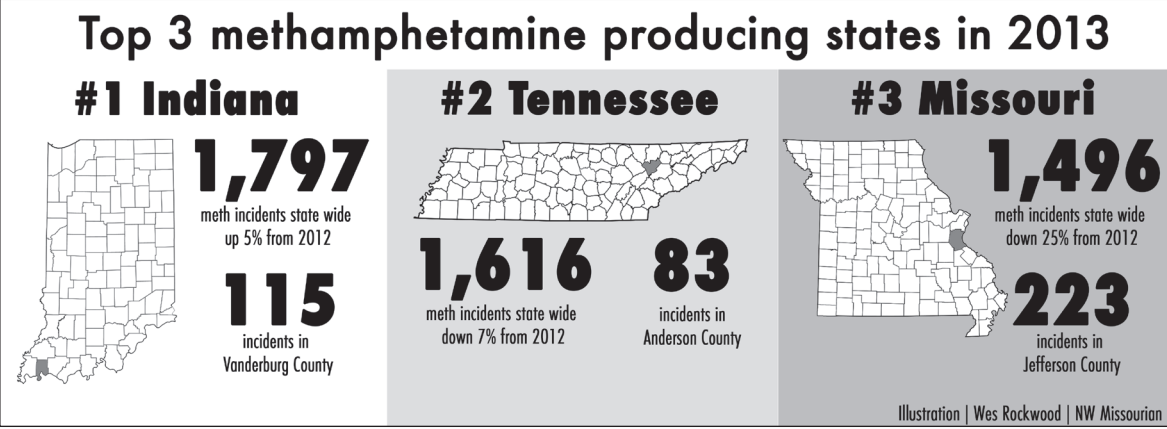
For students like junior Sam Jones, CTRIP is comforting as she considers where she will live for the remainder of her Northwest career.

“I’m glad they’re doing something about it,” Jones said. “I like the fact that there are going to be more places close to campus because it’s pretty hard to find somewhere that isn’t a broken-down house or \$900 a month that is within walking distance of campus.”

This line of thinking is exactly what McDanel hopes CTRIP will provide for students: reassurance of quality off-campus housing.

“Some of the student rentals, which have never had an issue getting tenants, now have for rent signs,” McDanel said. “We see students choosing different places now, which now forces property owners to put money back into their existing structures to make them more attractive to students.”

“We think we’re creating other opportunities for students, and we’ll just keep working at the program.”



METH

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ammonia nitrate, found in cold packs; lithium, found in batteries; and water, meth is produced.

Hoffman says as many as 77 municipalities in Missouri have regulations or ordinances on pseudoephedrine purchases, while some pharmacies have implemented a prescription only policy on their own.

“The implementing of prescription-only pseudoephedrine has been a great benefit to us combating meth labs” he said. “We have seen a dramatic decrease in the number of pseudoephedrine purchases at those, which has a direct reflection on our numbers.”

Missouri is also known in the meth world for having smaller, mobile meth labs compared to “super labs” in states such as California and in Mexico. Instances such as a meth lab bust in Wright County March 1, where 95 labs were seized in four locations at one time, may be the largest in the state’s history.

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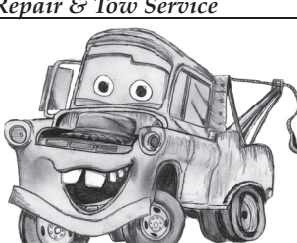
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- Mar. 14**
A summons was issued for a fire alarm at Hudson/Perrin Hall.

A summons was issued for a fire alarm at Sycamore.

A summons was issued for fire at Pellet Plan.

Mar. 17
A summons was issued for fire alarm at Hudson/Perrin Hall.

- Mar. 20**
A summons was issued for possession of drug paraphernalia at Lot 10.

A summons was issued for minor in possession at Lot 63.

Mar. 27
A summons was issued for trespassing at Northwest.

Mar. 29
A summons was issued for stealing that occurred in Warrensburg, Mo.

- Mar. 31**
A summons was issued for sexual assault that occurred off campus.

April 2
A summons was issued for two counts of disorderly conduct at Phillips Hall

April 3
A summons was issued for minor in possession at Millikan Hall.

April 4

- A summons was issued for minor in possession at Lot 10.

April 5
A summons was issued for minor in possession at Northwest Drive.

A summons was issued for minor in possession at Lot 32.

April 6
A summons was issued for two counts of minor in possession at Phillips Hall.

- A summons was issued for trespassing at Roberta Hall.

A summons was issued for property damage at Lot 10.

April 7
A summons was issued for possession of marijuana at College Park Drive.

A summons was issued for forcible fondling.

Blotter from the Nodaway County Sheriff’s Office

- Mar. 17**
Samuel G. Pitts, 25, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear.

Mar. 18
Elmer L. Harwell, 39, Bedford, Iowa, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear.

Margaret L. Guss, 18, Barnard, was arrested for domestic assault after deputation.

- ties responded to a domestic disturbance.

Terry I. VanHoutan, 52, was arrested on a warrant for failure to obey judge’s orders.

Mar. 19
Jared L. Hurst, 24, St. Louis, Mo., was arrested on a warrant for assault.

Mar. 21

- David A. Schebaum, 37, Fairfax, Mo., was arrested for warrant for failure to appear.

James B. Burchett, 27, Dekalb, Mo., was arrested for warrant for theft/stealing.

Mar. 22
Chad D. King, 30, was arrested on a warrant for burglary.

Mar. 23

- A Graham subject reported theft from a building on his property.

Mar. 25
Wesley G. Parker, 30, was arrested on a warrant for probation violation.

Ronald L. Burden Jr., 47, was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear.

Mar. 26
A Maryville subject reported identity

- theft.

Mar. 30
A Burlington Junction subject reported a theft from her vehicle.

April 1
Ryan D. Lane, 31, Independence, Mo., was arrested on a warrant for probation violation.

1950s



TOWER YEARBOOK 1951

The '50s were all about growth, change and development for Northwest. One of the most unique features added to campus during the 1950s was the Abraham Lincoln statue that stands proud today on the second floor of the Administration Building. That statue was also shot at by a night watchmen in 1959 and still has a crack running down where it was damaged. The Lamkin Gymnasium (that used to be the main basketball arena on campus) was built in 1959 as well. Also, during the '50s, the women's residence hall caught fire due to an explosion from the train tracks that once ran by campus, and Roberta Hall was built in its place. In the 1950s, all freshman had to wear a green beanie on their heads at all times to indicate the "new" class. Walk-Out Day was the last time they sported these fabulous, fashion-forward hats. Eleanor Roosevelt gave a lecture at Northwest in 1959, and Harry S. Truman visited Northwest on several occasions throughout the decade.

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HALF A CENTURY AT NORTHWEST

HALEY VICKERS
Features Editor | @Hay_dayy

Hashtag, let's throw it back, Thursday style...or more like Northwest style. Let's just say the times on the Bearcat campus have changed, big time. The ground we walk on today was once full of bell-bottomed jeans, puffy hair and froo-froo, frilly formal dresses, and that's not even the worst. But, there was also some pretty interesting stuff that happened before our time. The J.W. Jones Student Union was home to a student bowling alley, Olive DeLuce Fine Arts building was the site of the largest protest on Northwest campus, and up to 60 students were caught streaking over a short period of time. Hashtag: no big deal. The last half century has been full of advances, humorous events and outrageous activities. So the Missourian is participating in a little throwback Thursday and taking a gander at some Northwest history.



TOWER YEARBOOK 1977

1970s

The '70s were all the rage at Northwest...literally. Students of Greek organizations broke out in protest of the Tower Yearbook in 1971. Students were outraged that traditional group photos were left out of the yearbook that year. The protest began with students chanting and holding signs and ended with yearbooks being thrown into the fountains in front of Olive DeLuce Fine Arts building. Talk about drama. Also, an interesting fact about the '70s is that students ran their own nightly weekday newscast. This was the beginning of broadcast on the Northwest campus. And who knew that streaking would be the cool trend? It is reported that in 1974, an estimated 60 students were caught streaking in front of Hudson Hall. Very interesting, Bearcats. "The students were much different in their clothing, their hairstyles," professor Patrick McLaughlin said. "...there weren't social medias like we have now. So the students were more social between themselves one-on-one because of the time frame."



TOWER YEARBOOK 1966

1960s

All of you country lovin' aggies better thank Mother Nature for the 1960s. Farming on campus was expanded to include poultry plants, a hog operation, a 500-acre farm, a dairy and beef herd and a small flock of sheep. The Bell Tower began construction under the power of President Robert Forster in 1965, but was not completed until 1971. The Student Union was only a ballroom and bookstore until 1966 when a bowling alley was added. The campus bowling alley was the hangout where most students gathered in their spare time. Swimming was the sport of the '60s and was popular for students to participate in and watch.

1980s



TOWER YEARBOOK 1984

In the '80s, a Bearcat tradition was put to rest: students could no longer skate on Colden Pond in the winter. Faculty and staff feared that students would get injured or drown in the winter waters. Most students were caught spending their free time at Lamkin Activity Center, which was the popular hangout of the decade.

"Students back in the late '70s and early '80s were kind of a laid-back group," McLaughlin said. "...longer hair, baggier clothing, tie-dye, facial hair, those kinds of things. And then, as you got into the '80s and the '90s, it became much more concerned about getting a job and much more business-like. The wardrobes changed from like sweatpants and baggy shorts to more of a dress-up mode, if you will."

In the late '80s, technology really started to advance at Northwest. There were network terminals in every residence hall, which helped students to do more school work and accomplish more in a timely manner. Robert Dewhirst, who has been a professor at Northwest since the '80s, said, "Technology has been the biggest thing in the change in culture. In terms of students, they now live on their little handheld devices. Before then, they were more likely to talk to one another."

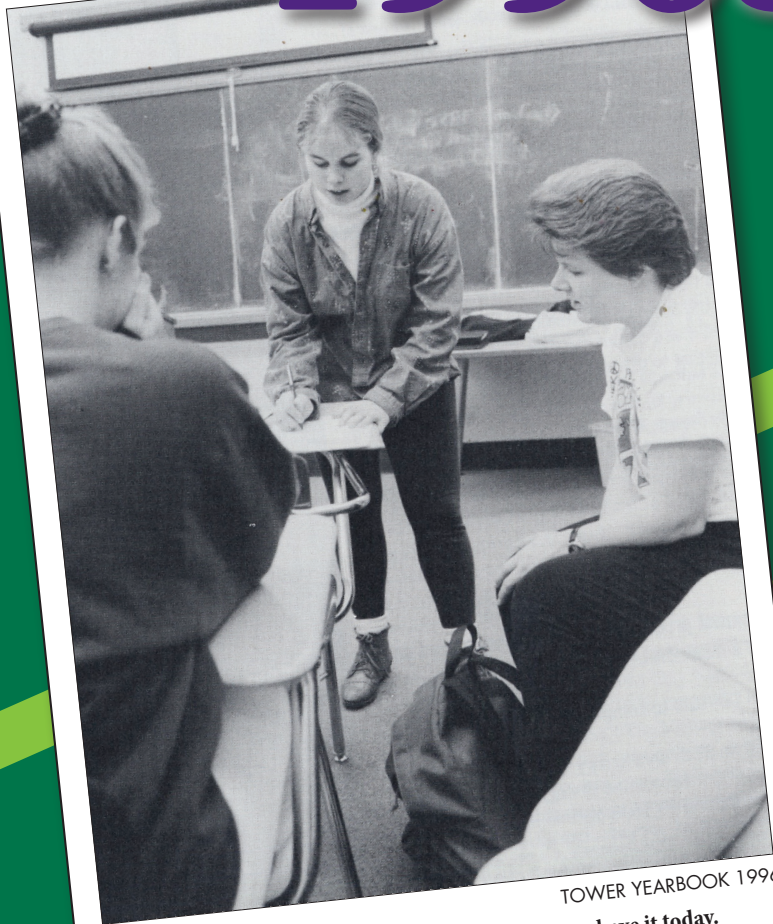
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"It was a fun time to be a faculty member because of the rapid, changing events during that time period. Between the late '70s and now, it's like night and day in most aspects, but there is still the core of really hard-working students. And Northwest is serious when they talk about each student, each day..."
- Professor Patrick McLaughlin

1990s



TOWER YEARBOOK 1996

In 1999, the Student Union was renovated to how we have it today. This was a huge change. The west side of the Union used to have a huge mosaic tile painting of Bobby Bearcat looking over campus, which was taken down with the renovations. Also in the '90s, there were many technological advances for the school. Students started to register for classes online versus waiting in line for hours to enroll. Bearcat basketball games were moved from Lamkin Gymnasium to Bearcat Arena, where they are still played today. Also, the Recreation Center, a popular place today, was added. Another big event was when American civil rights activist Jesse Jackson visited Northwest in 1995 to give a speech.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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25 Words on some blue balloons
30 Ruler in un palacio
32 Story including a time and place
34 “Finished!”
35 Bring down the curtain on
36 Almond __: candy
37 Quran religion
38 Antilles native
40 Penny prez
42 “Affliction” Oscar nominee
43 Name on a range
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47 Chinese menu promise
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50 Cirque du Soleil staple
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30 Eat one’s words
31 Fill with love
33 Pachyderm friend of Zephir the monkey
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Answers from Mar. 20

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Aries, despite a full workload, you are already looking ahead to some much-needed rest and relaxation. Focus on what’s on your plate at the moment.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, your personal life follows you to work this week. You can often compartmentalize things, but you are finding it difficult to do that this week.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, information that may alter your future plans is brought to your attention this week. It is not necessarily bad news, but you will need to alter your plans a little.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, financial responsibilities must be a priority this week. Now is the time to make important financial decisions that you have been putting off for several weeks.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23
Your feelings are transparent this week, Leo. You can’t hide much from others, especially your romantic feelings. The person you admire will soon learn of your feelings.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, a lot of drama is going on behind the scenes this week. How much you get involved is entirely up to you. Just be prepared for the consequences.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, you might have to set your personal needs aside this week in order to help a friend out of a difficult situation. You are ready to provide any assistance you can.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Responsibility comes naturally to you, Scorpio. However, sometimes you just have to let loose and show off how you are feeling. Others will have a new appreciation for you.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You are on the brink of a breakthrough, Sagittarius. You just don’t know when it is coming. Be patient and you will be pleasantly surprised with events that unfold.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
A serious issue arises this week, Capricorn. You may have avoided addressing this issue in the past, but there is no putting it off now. Approach the issue with an open mind.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
When an associate presents a problem, you are the perfect one to present a solution, Aquarius. Make the most of this opportunity and others will appreciate your efforts.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Responsibilities at work may be a bit overwhelming, Pisces. You are held to a higher standard than others, and now is the time to show why.

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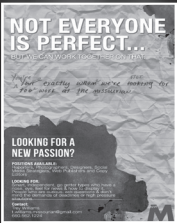
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Town prayers create religious divisiveness

THOMAS DRESSLAR
Opinion Editor



In a few short months, the Supreme Court of the United States will issue a ruling in *Town of Greece v. Galloway* that could deem a practice by the Maryville City Council unconstitutional. So what could our City Council possibly be doing that violates our country's principal foundation of law? In essence, towns like Maryville continue to chip away at the wall of separation between church and state by opening public meetings with Christian prayers. The American people would be best served if the government got out of religion altogether.

Anytime one raises objections to religion in public life, such as the placement of "In God We Trust" on currency, Americans picture an angry atheist with a personal axe to grind. They believe their motivation stems from hate and pettiness toward the religious rather than simple reasons. To illustrate why these notions are silly, I'd like you to imagine a scenario.

Say you are a staunch Christian who is forced to move from small town America to a suburb of Los Angeles for a job you desperately need. While the majority of your hometown is Christian, you never really thought too much of the prayers at your local city council meeting. Now let's say that the city councilors in this new suburb are strict Scientologists. While attending your first meeting of the local city council, the council ask you to join in a prayer asking for forgiveness from Lord Xenu. Wouldn't that be a little uncomfortable? Wouldn't you feel a little concerned that a government is favoring the religion of the majority and ignoring the minority?

Strictly speaking, the First Amendment says that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." This is called the Establishment Clause, and it applies to all 50 states. Adhering to an establishment test, the govern-

ment should not be advancing or inhibiting any one religion.

This is not a question of religious freedom. Anyone going to a city council meeting is free to pray before, during and after the meeting, either privately or in a group. The real question that must be asked is whether the government should be in the business of conducting official prayers.

In the specific case of Maryville, the city councilors themselves often deliver prayers that are almost always Christian in nature. If any non-Christians were to attend the meeting to engage with the Council on an important issue, they would undoubtedly experience alienation as their elected officials personally ask them to bow their heads and participate in a prayer to the Christian God.

The usual response to this argument either characterizes America as a "Christian nation," or it rests on the tradition of legislative prayer throughout the country's history. However, should we continue doing something simply because we've always done it? Many scenarios come to mind where this argument has led to continuations of injustice.

This column is not anti-religion; it is pro-religion. Having an official prayer before a town hall meeting devalues religion by relying on the government to propagate it. It creates unnecessary religious divisiveness in small communities and throughout the country. With the changing political, religious and racial demographics in this country, the government should embrace diversity by getting out of the prayer business entirely.

I'd like to end with a relevant quote by Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, who said, "The mixing of government and religion can be a threat to free government, even if no one is forced to participate ... When the government puts its imprimatur on a particular religion, it conveys a message of exclusion to all those who do not adhere to the favored beliefs. A government cannot be premised on the belief that all persons are created equal when it asserts that God prefers some."

Spring weather should get one thinking about health

JEANETTE BARCUS
Owner | Herbs N' Whey Maryville

After a long, cold winter, it feels good to wake up on a bright, spring day and start tossing out the junk and cleaning up the corners of our homes, offices and lives. Many people also use this time of year to do a body/colon cleanse with herbs, fiber, and water.

After a season of relatively less activity, skin restricting clothing and heavier foods, the body may be holding on to too many toxins. These toxins may be behind the tendency to "come down with something" when the seasons change. Doing a two-week cleanse that encourages all the eliminative organs to work better may help a person notice many improvements in general health.

Symptoms that may indicate a need for a cleanse are: stiff, sore or painful joints, sinus headaches/congestion, restless dreams or nightmares, muddled thinking, confusion

or mental sluggishness, intestinal gas or bloating, abdominal pain or discomfort, congested air passages and fatigue or low energy levels.

Internal body cleansing has been found by those in the natural health field to be a way to rapidly regain health for those who are chronically ill. However, if a person is pregnant or chronically debilitated, it would be wisest not to tackle a major cleansing program and focus on a health building program instead. When the body has the building blocks it needs, it can initiate a gradual cleanse, if needed, as the person is able to handle it. Otherwise, many have found a cleanse to be a great place to start.

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A group of Tarkio High School students become among the first to take the "Plunge for Landon" on March 29.

OUR VIEW: 'Plunge for Landon' unites towns, allows for much-needed laughter

It all seems a little silly to an outside observer. Thousands of people -- ranging from college students all the way to a U.S. congressman -- have volunteered to submerge themselves into bodies of cold water, even challenging friends and co-workers along the way. While challenging someone to take the "Plunge for Landon" is intended to be a light-hearted gesture, its ultimate goal could not be more noble.

This truly viral campaign began over a month ago when a few local Tarkio, Missouri families began rallying behind five-month-old Landon Shaw, who was diagnosed with a rare cancer in his kidney. The cancer has since spread to his brain, and, while the family is paying for the treatment through Medicaid, all of the costs will not be covered. As of Tuesday, the campaign has raised over \$64,000 for Landon's family.

In the digital age, viral video campaigns are becoming quite common.

However, many of the most popular campaigns have ulterior motives. They are often trying to cleverly push a product or take a political position. The Plunge for Landon campaign is none of these things. It's quite remarkable that a hilarious challenge has allowed those from all walks of life -- and even from all over the world -- to empathize with the plight of a small-town Midwestern family.

However, there's always the fear that the multitudes of people participating in a fundraising campaign like this will lose sight of its original intent. Yes, challenging your friends to jump into Mozingo lake is entertaining, but let's not forget why we're all doing it. Besides raising money, it gives Landon and his family something to smile about during an extremely strenuous time.

In an article in the Kansas City Star on Monday, Landon's mother's said that while the last six months have been trying times, signing on to

Facebook everyday and seeing countless people happily jumping into a lake for her son managed to give her some much-needed laughter. Those who have cared for loved ones with debilitating diseases know how difficult retaining a sense of humor can be during a particularly rough patch. While laughter may not always be the best medicine, it certainly gives us hope that things will return to normal once again.

Contrary to what your friends may be saying, you don't have to take the freezing plunge to contribute to the cause. Checks can be mailed to the Landon Shaw Medical Fund at The Flower Mill, 606 Main St., Tarkio, MO 64491. If not, join the 22,000-member Facebook page in support of Landon, take the plunge and donate something to organizations supporting the family. Since the cold weather appears to be in the rearview mirror, soon, there will be few excuses to refuse the challenge.

CAMPUS TALK

Have you taken the "Plunge for Landon?"



"No, I haven't done it, but I plan on doing it if someone challenges me."



"Yes, I've done the plunge. Landon is the cousin of a girl in our sorority, so we all did it."



"Yes, I've been challenged, and I'm going to do it this Saturday because it's for a good cause."



"No, I don't think I would do it in Colden Pond. Although, I would probably jump into Mozingo."



"I was supposed to do it today, but I've been busy. I'll do it eventually, though. Better late than never."

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SAC should reconsider concert choices

concerts and maybe, just maybe, SAC will provide a show I can get excited about. But here I am, three years later, and I have yet to care about the band coming to play a show here. What's more, countless conversations with my peers has proven that I'm not the only person wishing for a wider variety of concert selection.

I understand SAC's desire to get the biggest name they can, which has brought artists such as Mike Posner, T-Pain and Timbaland to campus. This semester, the concert features a semi-famous country group, which is a nice change of pace from pop/rap music. I attended one of these concerts, and I did have fun, but it's time for SAC to offer a concert for those of us not interested in whatever almost-MTV-Top 40-hit group we can get to Maryville.

The logic that the more recognizable the name, the bigger the turnout for the concert is sound, but I feel there has to be a way to offer more variety in concerts and ensure a good

crowd. This is achievable in multiple ways. There needs to be more student input. I know I'm not the only indie/alternative-rock-loving student at Northwest, but it's possible that there aren't any members of the Student Activities Council interested in that style of music. Through surveys and interviews, SAC would be able to see what genre has been underrepresented, and what they could do to get all students interested in their concerts.

I understand that we can't have every student's music preferences represented every year, but here I am, three years into my college career at Northwest, patiently waiting for SAC to invite a band I can get excited about. That being said, I think SAC is an awesome organization that does amazing work for the campus and its students, but when it comes to artist selection for concerts, there is clearly room for improvement.

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'Enclosure' to new technological sound

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Have you ever wondered what the great unknown sounds like? John Frusciante has sent his latest album, "Enclosure," into orbit via satellite for fans to stream on their smartphones from outer space.

After downloading the application that corresponds to the satellite, called JF-14, fans can stream the album when the satellite reaches the appropriate region. This unheard of method of early release and promotion is fitting for the music, which is just as wildly complex and original.

John Frusciante is known for his time as the lead guitarist and perhaps the most significant song-writing force in the massively popular rock group Red Hot Chili Peppers. He played with the group from 1989-1993, took a break and returned in 1999-200

Frusciante has been releasing solo material since 1994, and his style has constantly evolved. His earlier work was more stripped down and guitar driven. Since leaving the Peppers for a second time in 2008, Frusciante has been consistently releasing music under his own name, which explores elements of electronic music and avant-garde.

The unconventional style has surely displeased casual Chili Pepper fans, as it is incredibly different from his work within that group. However, any fan of music with an ear for endless originality and artistic expression will find something to love. Though "Enclosure" is far from easy listening, it utilizes innovative production techniques and vintage electronic instrumentation that are quite capable of grabbing a listener's attention. Lively drum machines and synth-bass lines pound alongside Frusciante's infamously brilliant and skillful guitar

playing.

Frusciante thoughtfully sings the lyrics "I bear no excuses/ Everybody feels my pain/ Sworn to be a nobody/ Broke my oath again and again" in "Excuses," while the instrumentation creates an atmospheric and perplexing sonic collage.

In "Run" Frusciante sings "Spin to the rhythm of what's around you, love" a line indicative of what fans have come to expect from John Frusciante: the music he wants to make, with complete creative control and no consideration of its marketability. That is what makes this record so intriguing.



Rating: 4/5
Artist: John Frusciante
Album: Enclosure
Release: April 8, 2014



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Ferris Bueller gives a laugh, takes a break

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So...I have a confession to make, and I'm not very proud of it. I, Haley Vickers, am extremely movie deprived. A classic movie virgin. To be honest, most of the movies people watch, I haven't even heard of. My fellow Missourian staff members are beyond embarrassed by my lack of common knowledge of the great films I am so helplessly missing out on. So, for purely educational purposes, they are feeding me a "classic movie" every week to watch.

These are the films you curl up with late at night and watch over and over again as you eat ice cream straight from the tub. Or at least that's what I picture myself doing in the near future.

So, after 19 years of being completely ignorant of these movie masterpieces, my time is now.

Bueller, Bueller, Bueller. Mr. Fly Guy. I wish I could be as cool as him. Unfortunately though, I'm not that sneaky. I'm a little embarrassed to say I have never watched "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" because I feel like a lot of people can relate to this movie.

I found this movie to be very silly, but at the same time truthful to the

way students think. Sometimes, we just need a day off.

Not all of us can pull it off like Ferris, though. From the baseball game to the museum to the parade, Ferris made his day the mother of all ditch days.

Matthew Broderick, who plays Ferris, was the perfect actor for this movie. He's cute and pulls off the whole high school gig perfectly. This movie was created in 1986, and I imagine it is still quite entertaining for students in school now.

The movie begins with Ferris talking directly to the camera like you are actually standing right in front of him. I think this really adds to the story of his day off.

He begins by saying, "If I go for 10 (days off), I'm going to have to cough up a lung, so I better make this one count."

Ferris's friend Cameron (Alan Ruck), was the funniest, weirdest character in this story. He was just too nerdy and sweet. I can't picture my life constantly living in fear like he does. But, I'm really glad by the end of the movie he stands up to his father. Although I am disappointed that he had to destroy that beautiful car to figure his life out.

The strangest part of the whole movie was the way Ferris's parents treated him while he was sick in bed.

Mom kept constantly kissing his forehead, and Dad would pinch his little cheeks like he was about 3 years old. It was ridiculous and a little funny. If my parents ever treated me like that, I might puke. Or come to the conclusion that I died and went to heaven.

I found the Dean of Students, Mr. Rooney (Jeffrey Jones), to be really rude and creepy. Who has the nerve to sneak around a student's house all day? I think he deserved to be taken by the cops. That's just down-right stalker.

And of course, I absolutely love that this movie includes Jennifer Grey, who plays the sister, Jeanie. She's perfect. The end.

This movie definitely deserves to be considered a classic. From the humor to the downright blunt, honest reality of it, it was great. Anyone who works, goes to school or has any type of life whatsoever can relate and agree that sometimes everyone just needs a day off.



Rating: 4/5
Movie: Ferris Bueller's Day Off
Release: June 11, 1986
Director: John Hughes

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3. Out Among The Stars-Johnny Cash
4. Unconditional-Memphis May Fire
5. G I R L-Pharrell Williams
6. Help-Erica Campbell
7. My Krazy Life-YG
8. Night Songs-Barry Manilow
9. May Death Never Stop You:The Greatest Hits 2001-2013-My Chemical Romance
10. Pure Heroine-Lorde

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1. Happy-Pharrell Williams
2. All Of Me-John Legend
3. Dark Horse-Katy Perry ft. Juicy J
4. Talk Dirty-Jason Derulo ft. 2 Chainz
5. Let It Go-Idina Menzel
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TREY WILLIAMS | NW MISSOURIAN
Doubles team senior Alexis Bartek and freshman Lorena Rivas Jarolim shake hands after winning their match 8-0 against William Jewell Tuesday.

ROYALS

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off the proverbial wagon with the worst full year of his career. But here's the thing: he was still an above-average offensive weapon in a "down year." Butler finished ninth in the AL in OBP at .374, fifth in walks with 79 and tied for 19th in hits with 168. Sure, none of those numbers jump off the page as game-changers, but his ability to get on base is crucial. The counter-argument is that

Butler "clogs the bases." It's unanimously agreed upon - I hope - that Country Breakfast isn't the nimblest of baserunners. But regardless of a player's speed or lack thereof, reaching base is, contrary to apparent popular belief, one of the keys to winning a baseball game. Is it ideal for a designated hitter to hit the ball out of the park? Absolutely. Would it be nice for Royals fans to see Steve Balboni's single-season record of 36 dingers fall at the hands of Butler? They would take it in a heart-beat. That just isn't Butler's style. season. With senior Camilla Quesada, arguably the best player from the women's team, out for the season, Rosewell relies on Kolen to win matches. "She's really been getting the win in her doubles every time and really the singles about every time," Rosewell said. "She's having a really good year for us." Although the women have struggled for a good portion of the season, carrying a 10-10 record, Rosewell be-

While he isn't a prototypical cleanup slugger, his presence and ability is invaluable to the Royals. Keep in mind this is the same player all of Kansas City rallied behind at the 2012 All-Star Game in our backyard. He's the player many KC fans backed up by booing superstar second baseman Robinson Cano, which brought what some believed to be a bad look on the city and its fans. Moustakas and Butler are vital to this make-or-break season for KC, so let's at least make it a couple months into the summer before calling for the third baseman's job or a new DH.

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COACH

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and it started with her. But some of the better players that think about college golf or maybe beyond that; I try to help them accomplish those goals and get them closer to that. I really want to help any of them get where they want to go, if they're ambitious enough to do that." Ricks was asked to fill a vacancy as head coach for the boys and girls golf teams, but never had an extensive background with the game, making Easter vital to the program and the progression of each golfer. "We approach it as a team," Ricks said of Easter. "I rely on him a lot because I never played competitively. I was a softball player. I kind of have a golf swing, but Kyle's helped me a lot with my swing. "He can look at a swing, and he can pick a swing apart and put it back together again. I love golf, but I don't have that ability to look and see those little things. He can tweak a swing just a little bit and just do amazing things." Aside from the physical aspect of the game, Easter provides a better understanding on how to approach golf from a mental standpoint. "He's helped us keep focus as we're playing," senior Dustin Wolters said. "Getting mad isn't going to help you get any better. He's taught us that if you hit a bad shot, you just have to move on to the next one." And the mental facet of the game is substantially correlated with the success of the golfer, regardless of how physically gifted they may be. "The mental side of it is probably more important than the actual swing," Easter said. "I emphasize being able to manage your way around a golf course and knowing how to play

the game as opposed to smacking a ball around and finding it. "Really, it's just all the little things I've learned over the past 15 years that just help, even if it's just what side of the box to tee up on." His broad background with golf has served well for the Spoofohounds, and as kids continue to migrate to the golf course, his willingness to help whoever needs it will continue to benefit a program gunning toward a state run. "Kyle makes himself much more available than any (pro) who's ever been here," Ricks said. "Kyle does give a lot of time. There's a relationship here that hasn't ever been here before with these kids." Freshman Logan Zimmerman is a testament to this. Zimmerman began golfing only a few years ago, but has found his swing with the guidance of Easter. "My swing was awful; it was everywhere," Zimmerman said. "We kind of started from scratch. It wasn't good when he first changed it, but I got used to it, and it's helped over time." The golf course at Mozingo is receiving quite a promotion as youngsters continue to make strides through Easter's tutelage. The number of kids vying to swing a golf club for the 'Hounds, whether to compete or merely to enjoy the game, is building an impressive benchmark for a town seeping with superb athletic accomplishments. "I've got 22 boys out there," Ricks said, pointing to the numerous golfers teeing off at the driving range, "And some of them want to compete, and some don't care if they compete ... there's just much more of a partnership with Kyle. He's out there, whether he's getting paid or not, and it's doing a lot for our program."

GEARING

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out, too. It has been an awful spring. Not just for tennis, but every spring sport. It is no fun trying to go out in 40-degree weather and wind is blowing like crazy." As for the women's team, Rosewell has been pleased with the way freshman Aniek Kolen has come along this



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Soccer gets 2 hat tricks, wins 5th consecutive game



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior forward Ashton Reuter blows past a defender in the Spoofhounds’ 10-0 victory over Auburn Tuesday afternoon. Reuter and sophomore forward Mollie Holtman both scored hat tricks in the first half.

Baseball struggles at the plate as MEC schedule gets back underway

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After being no-hit against Pembroke Hill Tuesday night, the Spoofhound baseball team will turn its focus to Cameron as it reenters conference play.

Maryville is still searching for its first win with five games in the book, but remains positive while drawing from a late-season run from last year.

“(Tuesday night) was a nonconference, so we were able to test out some of our other guys and see how they would do,” head coach Matt Houchin said. “I’m looking forward to putting some guys with experience on the mound from last year.

“It’s easy to show quality character when things are going well for you. Now that we’re struggling a bit, this is the time when they have to bond together and make it happen.

Last season, Houchin’s squad came into district play at 3-10, but won the district despite a lackluster regular season, and the second-year head coach’s players have not forgotten.

“I really haven’t had to bring it up

... they’ve brought it up themselves,” Houchin said. “They talk about how we got off to a slow start last year and turned it around. All it takes is to get hot at the right time.”

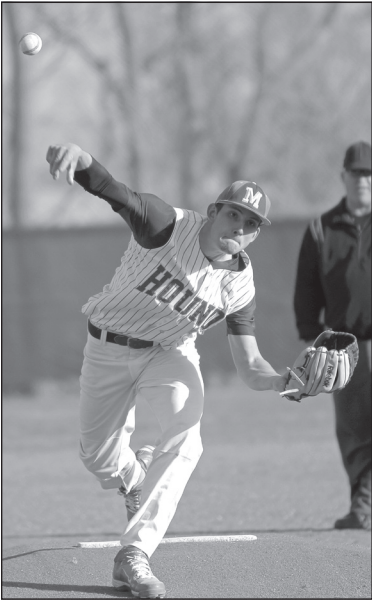
The Spoofhound offense is struggling with the insertion of inexperienced players throughout the lineup.

“We’re just struggling at the plate right now,” Houchin said. “We’re trying to find the right lineup that works and is consistent to put us in the place we need to be. We changed some things up here and there. One day, we’ll have someone hitting well, and we’ll move them up in the lineup then the next time, it’s someone else.”

Sophomore Kade Allenbrand got the start on the bump against Pembroke Hill, but found himself in a 4-0 hole in the first inning after giving up a three-run shot.

Allenbrand went three innings, giving up seven runs and was relieved by freshman Trey Oglesby, who went 2.1 innings and gave up three runs.

Pembroke Hill pitcher Sean Rear-don struck out nine Spoofhound batters and walked three in his five innings of work.



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior Jarret Cronin launches a pitch to the mound in Maryville’s home opener against Benton March 31.

“We hit the ball and hit the ball hard, but it was literally right at them,” Houchin said.

Maryville looks to get its first tally in the win column at 4:30 tonight in Cameron in a MEC matchup.

DALTON VITT
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As a rematch awaits the Maryville girls soccer team this afternoon at the ‘Hound Pound, the offensive juggernaut of a squad remains in full stride.

After defeating Lafayette 8-0 April 1 on the road, the Spoofhounds are set to face the Irish for a second time in nine days with kickoff set for 4:30 p.m.

The Spoofhounds’ offensive capabilities were on full display Tuesday against Auburn in a non-conference matchup in Maryville, as they rolled to yet another 10-0 dismantling victory.

But even after another spread, the skipper sees room to grow.

“There’s some things we need to work on, obviously,” head coach Dale Reuter said. “For the caliber of the people that are in our conference, we wanna see and move the ball just a little better than we did (Tuesday.)

“Instead of just trying to pound it and pound it and pound it when you’ve got a couple defenders in front of you, move it back out and move it around and find the open girl!”

Auburn, however, lasted longer than most Maryville opponents, halting the ‘Hounds from scoring their 10th goal until the 7:19 mark of the second period.

While Maryville outscored its first five opponents 46-1 en route to

a quintet of victories, areas for improvement remain, specifically in the passing game.

“We were a little lackluster when it comes to moving the ball like I would like to see against a team like this,” Dale Reuter said. “ ... I like to switch the field a little bit better.”

Unsurprisingly, sophomore forward Mollie Holtman fired the opening salvo, finding the back of the net in just the second minute of the contest to put Maryville up 1-0.

Holtman finished with a hat trick to bring her season tally to 14.

Senior forward Ashton Reuter also chipped in a trio of goals to add to her team lead, now at 19.

“You’ve gotta be pleased to have those kind of numbers up front, and both of them had a hat trick (Tuesday),” Dale Reuter said. “They communicate well with one another ... I kinda like the way they play against one another, the way they move and communicate.”

Sophomore Abby Van de Ven slammed the final nail in the coffin with goal No. 10 with 7:19 remaining to spread Auburn.

Maryville now sits at 5-0 with a spotless 2-0 MEC record, perching the Spoofhounds atop the conference.

Dale Reuter’s squad will follow up today’s rematch with Lafayette with a 5 p.m. kickoff tomorrow at Bishop LeBlond.

Boys and girls show out at season-opening meet

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The Maryville track and field team looks to ride its momentum from its first meet of the year when it heads to Chillicothe Friday.

Head coach Lori Klaus said her team is looking forward to Friday’s meet after a promising start to the season. The Spoofhounds showed no signs of rust when they kicked off their season at the Nebraska City Invitational on Tuesday, while the boys finished first, and the girls finished second competing against seven teams.

“A lot of them are excited about what they did today,” Klaus said. “They are just ready to get the season going. We have a big meet on Friday at Chillicothe. I think it just sparked some excitement. I think we are just going to try to compete against our own times and go from there.”

Klaus found herself worried about the Nebraska City Invitational, since rain interrupted their time trial

meet last weekend. The ‘Hounds are competing this season with several underclassmen, and Tuesday’s meet was the first for many of them.

Despite working with these underclassmen, it seemed that the Spoofhounds thrived off the pre-season jitters to start the season.

“I feel like the time trial meet getting canceled affected their nerves,” Klaus said. “They just didn’t really know what to expect. There were a lot of nerves today, but I think they handled it well. They put up some good times today.”

With such little experience, Klaus said her team exceeded her expectations.

“I feel good about how we performed,” Klaus said. “I think the kids went out and ran hard. Today was a pretty nice day, but we have not had a lot of nice practice days, and we have not had a meet yet, but I don’t think you could tell by the way we performed today. I was proud of them. I think they worked hard.”

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

Austin Warren



Senior pitcher Austin Warren tossed a complete game against Missouri Southern Sunday in a 4-1 win, striking out two while allowing zero earned runs.

Anne Herbert



Junior Anne Herbert earned a coveted NCAA provisional in during the Emporia State Relays Saturday, winning the 3,000 steeplechase with a time of 11:07.06.

SPOOFHOUNDS



Mollie Holtman



Sophomore forward Mollie Holtman scored yet another hat trick, this time against Auburn in a non-conference home game for Maryville, to help the Spoofhounds to a 10-0 win.

Ashton Reuter



Senior forward Ashton Reuter brought her season tally to 19 goals with a hat trick at the ‘Hound Pound Tuesday afternoon in a win over Auburn, pushing Maryville’s record to 5-0.

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Herbert hits NCAA mark, women’s team finishes 4th

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The Northwest track and field team competed in the Emporia State Relays over the weekend and earned two provisional marks, winning four events overall. The women’s team placed fourth out of 23 teams, and the men’s team placed 11th out of 20.

Distance runner Anne Herbert earned one of the two NCAA provisional marks given to the team. She ran a 11:07.06 in the steeplechase, which is an English distance race of 3,000 meters that includes barriers to hurdle over and a water pit to jump across.

“It was definitely a good race and a good start to the season,” Herbert said. “It will be nice to get some more competition in upcoming meets, like our meet out in Oregon, where there will be some Division I schools and a lot of good girls to run against.”

Senior thrower Lekiesha McKnight won the shot put with a provisional throw of 14.55 meters. She also placed sixth in the hammer throw with a throw of 47.53 meters.

Senior Ashton Nibert just missed a provisional mark in the 400 meters by five one-hundredths of a second, but still won the event with a time of 56.05. The women’s 4x400 meter relay team of junior Alexis Boyd, freshman Audrey Bolinger, freshman Haley Manning and Nibert were the final win for the Bearcats with a time of 3:51.68.

As for the men’s side, junior Kit Anderson placed third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:41.46. Freshman Tim Grundmayer placed fourth in the 800 meters with a time of 1:55.92.

“On the guy’s side, we are a little bit behind, and we are just waiting for them to kind of break through a little bit,” head coach Scott Lorek said. “I think we have several guy throwers that are going to explode in the next couple weeks, and the potential with them is huge.”

Northwest will send some athletes back to Emporia for the ESU Combined Events this weekend. The entire team travels to Columbia for the Missouri Relays this weekend as well.

“I told the team after last weekend’s meet that there is not that many opportunities left,” Lorek said. “The outdoor season goes by really fast, and we have to make the most of every time out. We want to be ready to compete every time out.”



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Sophomore pitcher Sarah Baldwin slings in a pitch against Fort Hays State April 5 at home. Northwest fell 3-2 in Baldwin’s game on the mound.

Softball splits both weekend series at home

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Northwest softball is looking to bounce back against two of the lower-ranked teams in the conference this weekend.

The Bearcats battled against rival Missouri Western in a make-up, non-conference doubleheader, but dropped both games Tuesday, 6-0 and 5-4.

After only mustering two hits and no runs in the first game, the Northwest bats came alive again in game two, racking up 10 hits and scoring four runs in the 5-4 loss. Torri Blythe, freshman second baseman, led the way, going 3-for-4 in the game while scoring two of the four runs.

Freshman Taylor Blackford started on the mound for the Bearcats, pitching six innings, giving

up 10 hits and five runs, two of which were earned.

“We have been hitting the ball hard since this last weekend against Fort Hays and Nebraska Kearney, we just have seemed to find a way to continue to hit the ball hard right at opposing fielders,” head coach Ryan Anderson said.

Northwest will travel to Lindenwood Saturday for a doubleheader and then to Lincoln for another doubleheader Sunday. The Bearcats are ranked eighth in the MIAA ahead of both Lincoln (14th) and Lindenwood (ninth.)

Northwest has a good chance of climbing up the conference ranks this weekend with the next two opponents. However, nothing is guaranteed, and the Bearcats recognize they have to get the job done.

“We just have to keep hitting the ball and playing good defense,” Anderson said. “We have showed the

last couple of games that we can hit the ball well, and I have been telling our girls as long as we keep hitting the ball well, those hits will eventually start falling and we can get into a more consistent rhythm and really hit our stride.”

Although the losses Tuesday came as a disappointment, the Bearcat softball team is not letting them ruin any confidence.

“We really do have a lot of confidence because with as many freshmen and new people we have, we’re still contending to not only play in the conference tournament, but possibly go on a big run,” sophomore infielder Madison Jones said. “We just have to keep playing hard even after a loss and not let it pull us down.”

First pitch for game one against Lindenwood is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday in St. Charles.



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Senior Kristina D’Angela strikes a shot at the Mazingo Golf course.

McLaughlin, golf finish 5th in Arkansas meet

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Between leaf blowers clearing the greens to finish round one and cold rain on day two, Northwest women’s golf managed a fifth-place finish at the Henderson State Invitational in Mountain Home, Ark.

The Bearcats shot a day-one score of 329, but battling through 35-to-40-mile-per-hour winds, were not nearly as efficient on the second day with a score of 346.

“Actually, for the conditions, we played really good golf the first day and decent golf the second day,” head coach Pat McLaughlin said. “You drive eight

hours south, you think you’re going to get into some decent weather, but that isn’t always the case.”

The four teams that finished ahead of Northwest are top-five teams in the Central Region, headlined by conference foe Central Oklahoma, which trailed the Bearcats after day one.

“We’re really close to breaking out again where we were in the fall into getting those low numbers,” McLaughlin said. “Part of it was playing with the top teams in the region, and just that additional pressure of playing with the best schools, some of them in the country, led to some stress, which led to some missed putts.”

Junior Taylor Gard bounced back

from a rough outing at the Missouri Western Invitational to lead the ‘Cats with a two-day score of 163 after entering the clubhouse with a score of 77 on day one. Gard finished in 17th place. Seniors Kristina D’Angela and Cassie Lowell each tied for 23rd with a two-day score of 169.

“We got an opportunity to play against some of the best schools in the country,” McLaughlin said. “And it showed us what we need to do to get there and prepared us for the conference tournament coming up.”

Northwest competes in the MIAA Conference Championship April 21-23 in Lawrence, Kan. The Bearcats finished in third place the last two years.



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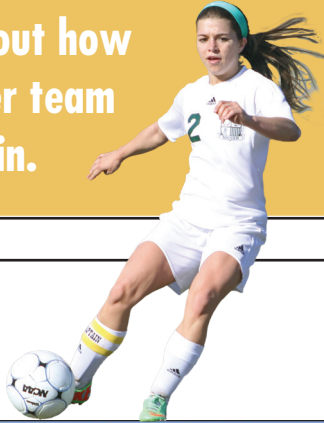


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CHIPPIN' IN



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Golf pro Kyle Easter, an assistant coach for the Maryville boys' golf team, helps out junior Hagen Snow, giving him tips on how to swing a 9-iron.

Assistant coach bringing new dimension to golf team

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Hagen Snow stands opposite Kyle Easter, mirroring Easter's position as they stand on the driving range. Snow, a junior on the Maryville golf team, is working on his 9-iron drive. His first few shots are shaky, as the lefty sliced consecutive shots to the right side. Easter gives Snow a tip on his backswing,

and, within minutes, his drive sails smoothly on the fairway. "He's made me a lot better," Snow said. "He's helped me with everything. I used to be really bad." Now, Snow is an important part of a varsity program that made it to sectionals a year ago and recently finished first in its opening varsity tournament of the year in Smithville. "The boys respond much better to Kyle,"

head coach Brenda Ricks said. "They respect Kyle. They're going to listen to him about a golf swing more than they're going to listen to me about a golf swing. They know he's been there, done that." Easter, a golf pro at Mozingo since January, first hit the greens with his dad at the age of 12. He was a multiple state qualifier at Kearney High School and played collegiate golf at William Jewell before working at the pro shop

at Mozingo Golf Course, where he met Ricks. With the ever-expanding golf program at Maryville High School, Easter agreed to help Ricks coach the team. "I personally like to teach the fundamentals, especially at this age," Easter said. "Brenda gives these kids more attention than most college coaches. We have a strong program," SEE **GOLF PRO** | A9

Baseball faces huge test with MIAA's top team this weekend

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Heading into this weekend's series with Central Missouri, responding to adversity has become second nature to this year's Northwest baseball team. Sitting at fifth place in the MIAA, the Bearcats (19-14, 14-11) challenge a first-place Mules team that has yet to lose a series in league play. "Central is going to be a solid team sitting atop of our conference," head coach Darin Loe said. "It seems like every week, you come into the office and say, 'Boy this is a big week,' but we've been saying that for 10 weeks now. "We are going to go into Central Missouri treating it like any other series. Just going out and playing with energy, playing with focus. I think those were the two biggest things that we corrected this week." The energy and focus Loe saw improve helped Northwest win three games in a four-game slate last weekend against Missouri Southern (20-15, 14-14), with two of the victories coming via extra-inning walk-offs. In the first game of Saturday's double-header, the Bearcats won in 10 innings due to the bat of senior infielder Eric McGlaulin. McGlaulin hit an infield single to score senior infielder Brandon Huske to end the game with a 2-1 victory. Senior Ryker Fox threw seven innings,

while senior Blane Reutter picked up the win in three innings of relief. The nightcap saw much of the same with pitching and defense showing their strengths for both squads. Northwest won in another 10-inning battle, 4-3. This one featured a walk-off hit from senior outfielder Jon Pomatto to score pinch-running freshman Garrett Fort. "Our guys did a great job of staying focused and staying confident and just weathering the storm," Loe said. "Both the pitchers that they threw against us were awfully good. "On the back side of that, our pitching and defense was outstanding, just to keep it tied for our bullpen, which came in and did a great job." The Bearcats continued their close finishes the next day winning the first game 4-1 against the Lions. Senior Austin Warren pitched all seven innings and notched his second win of the year. Missouri Southern finally grabbed a win in the final game of the weekend. Northwest fell 4-3 in yet another extra-inning game, this time 11. Even with the loss, McGlaulin, along with his teammates, believes they can carry the momentum of last weekend into their series with Central Missouri (26-10, 23-5). "Our pitching and defense carried us to some huge wins this weekend," McGlaulin said. "We're excited and looking forward to playing a very good UCM team this coming weekend."



AARON SCARBROUGH | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Ryker Fox throws a pitch against Missouri Southern. The Bearcats won the series 3-1 over the Lions.

Too early for Royals nay-sayers



Much like the low-inside breaking ball that the Royals' third baseman loves to swing and miss at, KC fans need to lay off Mike Moustakas - at least for now. The former second overall pick in the 2007 draft - a 14-carat diamond of a prospect - started this season 0-for-his-first-18, and Kansas City faithful jumped all over him. But it isn't just Moustakas receiving a hefty hail of criticism through Week One. Billy Butler, a driving force of consistency up until last season, is being treated less like a beloved Country Breakfast and more like Taco Bell's soggy new morning creations. Neither deserves to hear the sprinkling of boos at Kauffman Stadium just yet. While Moustakas hit just .233 in his second full season in the bigs last year, he ran into some hard luck with just a .257 batting average on balls in play, according to FanGraphs.com. Remember: this is a player who smacked 20 home runs in his first full major league season in 2012 and dropped 36 bombs at two different levels (AA and AAA) to the tune of a .999 OPS in 2010. While minor league success and a small, one-year sample size don't always mean progress is yet to come, Moustakas has proven the talent is there. He just needs to put it together. As for Butler, the sample-size argument is useless. He proved to be one of the most reliable middle-of-the-order bats in the game from 2009-2012, a four-season track record. It was just last year that the Royals' designated hitter finally fell SEE **ROYALS** | A9

Tennis teams begin gearing up for conference tournament



TREY WILLIAMS | NW MISSOURIAN
Freshman Marianne Hull serves against William Jewell Tuesday at the Frank McGrube Tennis Courts. Northwest won 6-3.

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The Northwest men's tennis team will take its 11-2 overall and undefeated conference record south this week to Springfield, Texas with the end of the regular season two weeks away. As the Bearcats take on Southwest Baptist, Ouchita Baptist and Midwestern State (Texas) three straight days, starting today, head coach Mark Rosewell believes his team will have its first real test of a road trip. "All three teams that we play this week are capable of beating us," Rosewell said. "Every match is going to be tough. Obviously, we would like to win all of the matches, but we will see what happens." Rosewell mentioned that the men's

team has not showed a real weakness in its matches so far this year. He believes this weekend will be telling as to how far this team can go as postseason play is just weeks away. "We'll find out this weekend (if there is a weakness)," Rosewell said. "We're playing three really good teams. They're all ranked, and they are the best teams in the Midwest. This week is really important. Gosh, the conference tournament is just in a couple of weeks." As for the next step the Bearcats need to take, Rosewell would like for his team to keep doing what it is doing. "I think we are match-tough," Rosewell said. "We got to just try to play as well as we can. Good weather would really help SEE **GEARING** | A9